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IT was the noble Advice of *Demoſthenes* to the Citizens of *Athens*, together with the Cauſe of the *Republic* to aſſume the Magnanimity of the *Republic*.

In taking up the Pen for the People of *England*, let it then become me, to write with as much Spirit as our Forefathers fought: Let me be allow'd to forget that I am an Individual, and endeavour to ſpeak with the Voice of the Common-Wealth.

If there is any Spark of our antient Virtue remaining, I ſhall not only find Indulgence, but command Attention: I do not ſtand forth to urge any Intereſt of my own; in all I have to ſay, every *Engliſhman* is as much concern'd as myſelf. The Criſis affects all alike, and if all were but awaken'd to the ſame Senſe of it, what is now, with ſo much Reaſon, our Terror, might poſſibly be made the Means of our Preſervation.

Salus Populi ſuprema Lex, is not only a trite and true Maxim, but the very Baſis of all juſt Government: In a moſt particular Manner it is the Baſis, nay the only Baſis of our preſent happy Eſtabliſhment. Whatever might be the *Fact*, we all know the *Pretence* of the *Revolution*, was to redreſs the Grievances of the *Deliver'd*, and not to gratify the Ambition of the *Deliverer*: And when the *Act of Settlement* took Place, the only Compliment thereby made to the Houſe of *Hanover*, was, the National Belief, that under thoſe Princes, *only*, our *Liberties could be ſafe*.

As, therefore, it was not for the Sake of *one Man*, or one *Family*, but the *whole* People, that this Transfer was made of the Crown of *England*, it is demonſtrably our Right, it is indiſpenſably our Duty, to ſee that the Conditions are fulfilled; and to inſiſt, that our own Act and Deed ſhould operate to our own Uſe and Advantage; as it is not to be queſtion'd, but his preſent moſt gracious Majeſty believes it does, and intends it ſhould.

Let it be remember'd, on our Side, that the ſaid Act of Settlement was an Act of Grace that the Houſe of *Hanover* had neither Services to urge by way of Plea for ſuch a magnificent Boon, nor Power to exact it: And not only ſo, but that we made, of our own Accord, ſeveral large Abatements in the original Terms on which they were to receive and enjoy it: Nay more; that ſince the Acceſſion, we have ſcarce deny'd any one Thing which hath been ask'd of us; Laws, Men, Money, in whatever Proportion, or of whatever Kind: Had the two Princes of this Houſe been *Lords* of the *Soil*, inſtead of *Stewards* for the People, they could not have levy'd larger Fines, or received a more unreſerv'd Homage. On a Principle of Gratitude, therefore, as well as Juſtice, every Act of State, or Meaſure of Government, ought to be calculated, purely and ſimply, for the GOOD of the PEOPLE.

Unluckily, the venerable Maxim before quoted, is ſubject to a *Miniſterial*, as well as a *Popular Interpretation*; and hath often been made the Pretence for ſquandering the Subſtance, and ſuperſeding all the Rights and Privileges of the Commonwealth. For our GOOD we have been *loaded* with *Taxes* and *Exciſes*; for our GOOD we have been hamſtrung with *penal Laws*; for our GOOD we have been bridled with *Standing Armies*; for our GOOD the *public Debts* are like to be made *perpetual*; for our GOOD we have been the *Bubbles* of every State in *Europe*; for our GOOD both the *Purſe* and *Sword* have been left at the *Diſcretion* of the Prince: and for our GOOD we have been depriv'd of the Benefit of the *Habeas-Corpus* Act, which is the *ſole Fence* of the Subject againſt the Power of the Crown.

Thus our own Artillery hath been turn'd upon us, and the very Principle upon which we grounded our Preſervation, hath been made the Means of our Undoing.

What a wretched Situation muſt that Country be in, which hath Reaſon to conſider its own Miniſters as Enemies, and which cannot guard againſt Dangers from abroad, without running the Riſque of being enſlav'd at home: And yet ſo oddly have we been circumſtanc'd, that in flying from imaginary Miſchiefs, we have ſeldom or never fail'd to ruſh upon real ones?

We are, at this Inſtant, allarm'd with the *old miniſterial* Cry, of *France* and the *Pretender*; of Armies and Tranſports, *incog*, at *Dunkirk*; of *invincible Armadas* from *Breſt*, of *diſaffected* Perſons among ourſelves, *&c.* in conſequence of which a Pannic hath ſeiz'd upon the C——t, the P——y-Beacons have been fir'd, double Care hath been taken of the *Tower*, and all our Land Forces, except Two or Three Regiments, have been moſt politicly order'd up into the Neighbourhood of this Capital, by way of providing, no doubt, for the Security of our *Coaſts*.

Now theſe dreadful Tidings are either true or falſe. If true; how will our all-ſufficient Stateſman excuſe himſelf for having treated *France* as a *contemptible Power*, from which ſo little was to be fear'd, that we had nothing to do, but to draw the Sword, and carve out its Dominions into what Shreds and Fritters we pleas'd? Where was the *Intelligence* which ought to be the Fruit of all thoſe mighty Sums which are ſaid to be annually expended in *ſecret Service?* How can he keep himſelf in Countenance for having embroil'd us in his raſh and ridiculous Meaſures abroad, and thereby drawn upon us this ſhocking Inſult at home? And what Hope can he entertain of conquering other Nations, when he betrays ſuch Apprehenſions for, and Jealouſies of, our own?

If falſe, what infinite Reaſon have we either to *deſpiſe* or *diſtruſt* his Conduct, beyond Meaſure? To *deſpiſe* it, if he has play'd the Bully, when conſcious he was a Coward; if he has taken Windmills for Ships, Flocks of Sheep for Armies, and ſcatter'd Terrors thro' the Kingdom, which have no better Foundation than his own diſtemper'd Dreams? And to *diſtruſt* it, if he hath propagated an Account of Dangers which he *knows* have no Exiſtence; if he hath ſtigmatiz'd the People with a Brand which he *knows* they do not deſerve, and graſps at Powers, which he *knows* the public Neceſſities do not call for.

But in dutiful Deference to the great Authority, which hath been *us'd* upon this Occaſion, I will not here preſume, but that every Tittle of the Advice, we have been favour'd with, was *then* believ'd to be indiſputable Matter of Fact.

That the *French* were able to put a formidable Squadron of Ships to Sea, is now ſelf-evident: that till the very Inſtant, almoſt, of their Sailing, we were ignorant alike of their Strength and their Preparations, ſeems to be highly probable; that we came to the Knowledge, at laſt, by Accident, I believe nobody makes any doubt: That we were in no Condition to receive them, in Caſe they had made any immediate Attempt upon us, will likewiſe admit of Demonſtration: And conſequently we were indeed expos'd to a Danger, which was the more ſurprizing, becauſe ſo little ſuſpected.

But how came we to be at once ſo ungiuarded and ſo ſecure? We knew we had *provok'd France*; tho' we had not been able to *hurt* her: And the Affair of *Dettingen* might have convinc'd us, that ſhe would not ſtand upon *Ceremonies* when Revenge was in her Power.

If, therefore, we have Reaſon to be alarm'd, if there is a Neceſſity to ſtrengthen the Hands of the Government, it is nececeſſary alſo to enquire how we came to be ſo expos'd, and at whoſe Door the Fault ought to be lay'd. Nor is it of more Conſequence to the preſent *happy* Eſtabliſhment to provide againſt the Deſigns of its Enemies, than to detect the Blunders, Neglects, and, perhaps, Treacheries of its Servants.

But granting we had Reaſon to *expect* an Invaſion, I can't ſee what Reaſon we had to *fear* it. I remember in the annual Debate on the *Standing Army*, the ſtanding Topic of thoſe in Power, to ſhew the Neceſſity of it, was the Poſſibility of a ſudden Attempt of that Nature, and the Impoſſibility of repulſing an Enemy, without the Aſſiſtance of diſciplin'd Troops; Seventeen thouſand odd hundred Men, were then held ſufficient for that Purpoſe; or otherwiſe it is plain, we were impos'd upon: And theſe Troops were kept up for ſome *other Purpoſe*, which would not bear an *Acknowledgment*.

But, inſtead of ſeventeen thouſand, we have ſtill between twenty and thirty thouſand *at Home* on the *Britiſh* Eſtabliſhment; we have a Liſt of Men of War that ſeems to ſet the *Maritime* Force of all *Europe* at Defiance; his Majeſty has all the Powers over the MILITIA, which our Forefathers were ſo extremely jealous of, and once actually wreſted out of the Hands of the Crown; the two Houſes are both ſitting, and both moſt loyally diſpos'd to make a Sacrifice of their *Lives* and *Fortunes* in his Service; the City of *London* makes a Declaration to the ſame Purpoſe; and, no doubt, the Example will be follow'd by all the Corporations, great and ſmall, thro' the Nation.

I ſay, again, therefore, what Reaſon was there to *fear* an *Invaſion?* Is not this whole Kingdom able to defend itſelf againſt ſuch a *Handful* of *Invaders*, as a Dozen or Two of wretched Tranſports can waft over? Can we not be preſerv'd without the Help of *ſix thouſand Foreigners?* If not, why do we undertake the Protection of *Hungary* and *Sardinia?* And if more Forces are ſtill wanting, why do we not *recall* OUR OWN? Self-Preſervation is the firſt Law of Nature as well as Policy, and none but a Lunatic would part with the Sword, which was neceſſary for his own Defence.

But *Diſaffection*---For ſhame! Where is it to be found? We ſee the Executive and Legiſlative Power ſo cloſely united, that one Spirit ſeems to animate both: And for the Body of the People, let their own Addreſſes anſwer for them.

Therefore, if *Diſaffection lurks* any where, it is in the Company of thoſe who made the Cry; and they ought to be oblig'd to produce their Vouchers, for caſting this foul Aſperſion upon their Fellow-Subjects.

Had they, indeed, made uſe of the Word *Diſſatisfaction*, they had been guilty of no Impropriety: *Diſſatisfy'd* we have long been, and I have my Eye on *certain noble Perſons*, who, but very lately, thought we had ſufficient Reaſons to juſtify us, not only for being ſo, but for avowing it: And if we are to be *proſcrib'd* and *ſubdued* becauſe we are *diſſatisfy'd*, I will not anſwer that, in the End, we ſhall not become *diſaffected* too.

But *Diſſatisfaction*, or the *expreſſing Diſſatisfaction* is ſo far from being a Crime, that it is one of the fundamental Privileges of the free People of *England*. Every Body knows, that, anciently, the Redreſs of Grievances was the principal Buſineſs of Parliament; and if Grievances are not declar'd, ſurely they cannot be redreſs'd.

Now, it is notorious, that we have complain'd of Grievances, without Intermiſſion, for many a long Year paſt; nay, that the ſaid *noble Perſons* once made it their Glory to be the Mouth of the People; and can any one of them pretend to ſay that any of thoſe Grievances have been remov'd? On the contrary, have not they themſelves added Weight to all they found? And is there any Reaſon that we ſhould carry double now, when we have their own Evidence, that our Backs were almoſt broken before?

Diſtreſſes are to Governments, what Grievances are to the People: And nothing is ſo delicate as the Feeling of Courts at thoſe Times, tho' it is ſo numb'd and dead at all other: When, therefore, the firſt make their Demands, the laſt ſhould prefer their Petitions; and both Grievances and Diſtreſſes ſhould be removed together.

And this is not only the Dictate of Juſtice but Policy; for, wherever there is *Fear*, there is *Weakneſs*, and where there is *an Oppreſſion*, there is no Room for *Fear*. There is more Security in the Hearts and Affections of the People, than the united Influence of the Sword and Purſe: Nor can a Government wear an Aſpect more alarming, to the Subject, than when it chuſes to depend *ſolely* on the *one*, and apparently diſdains and deſpiſes the *other*: When inſtead of ſeeking out Means to remove Diſcontents, it aims only at the Power of making them perpetual; and affects to number among its *Enemies* all thoſe who reſolve not to be *Slaves*.

In ſuch a State, the Rumour of an *Invaſion* would excite neither *Terror* nor *Abhorrence*; for the People would be in the Condition of the Aſs in the Fable, who, being urg'd by his *Maſter* to mend his Pace, becauſe the *Enemy was at hand*, reply'd, *Am not I ready to ſink under my* Burthen? *What can I ſuffer more?*

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SWEDEN.

Stockholm, January 31, O. S. His Swediſh Majeſty is ſtill taking the Diverſion of Bear Hunting; but we are informed he deſigns to be in Town on Thurſday or Friday next. Yeſterday ſix Delecarlians, viz. Guſtavus Schedin, Schinner Per Anderſon, Holberts Anders Eriſon, Schmeed Anders Matzon, Giſſair Eric Hanſon, Carl Olofson Beronnus, who were the Chiefs and Ring-leaders in the Rebellion which happened laſt Summer, were beheaded at the uſual Place of Execution, without the South Gate of this Town. The firſt, viz. Guſtavus Schedin had his Right Hand cut off, before he was beheaded, and his Body was afterwards cut into four Quarters, and laid on Wheels near the Gallows.

ITALY.

Turin, February 1. His Majeſty has lately diſpatched his Orders for augmenting his Troops with two Battalions, and is every Day directing freſh Supplies of Forces to defile towards Nice, where we have already a great Body of Troops, and doubt not giving ſuch a Reception to the Armies of the Two Crowns, as will cure them of any Deſire to penetrate this Way into Italy. It is very certain, that their Soldiers are extremely averſe to this Expedition; 600 Men deſerted during their March to Provence; there are upwards of 3000 in their Hoſpitals, and we are well aſſured, they have not in all above 3500 Cavalry. The Fleet of Tranſports aſſembling on the French Coaſts, conſiſts, unqueſtionably, of 800 Sail; and the French Troops that are to march into Savoy, to replace the Spaniards marched from thence, will amount, it is ſaid, to 30,000 Men. Our Forces are in good Order, our Fortreſſes well provided, and his Majeſty in perfect Health, and in high Spirits.

PORT NEWS.

Dover, Feb. 19. Our Packet Boats at Calais are ſtopp'd, and a general Embargo laid in all this Part of France, and no one Perſon is ſuffer'd to go out of that Kingdom; and even the Poſt from Flanders, &c. is ſtopp'd, ſo that there is no getting Intelligence from that Kingdom. The Mail which came from London on Thurſday Night, is detain'd here for the above Reaſons. We have certain Advice, that 18 Sail of French Men of War were off the Iſle of Wight the Day before Yeſterday; and that Sir John Norris was inform'd of it Yeſterday in the Afternoon; and Yeſterday Morning four French Men of War were off Boulogne, ſteering for Dunkirk with a fair Wind; and we imagine that by this Time the whole Breſt Squadron muſt be in Fleming Road, as it hath blown a pretty hard Gale ever ſince at S. S. W. Sir John Norris would have weigh'd Anchor this Morning, had not the high Wind prevented him.

General Poſt-Office, London, Feb. 8, 1743.

WHEREAS *the Poſt-Boy, going out with the Weſt Mail from this Office, was this Morning, between Five and Six o' Clock, attack'd on the Highway, at the Stabling Place, on the other Side of Turnham-Green, by a ſingle Highwayman, who took the ſaid Poſt-Boy into a Field adjoining to the Road, and open'd the Mail, and carry'd off the Exeter and Plymouth Bags. The Perſon, who committed this Robbery, is a middle ſiz'd Man, and had on a blue great Coat, with his Hat tied over his Head, and he rode on a Sorrel Horſe with a white Face, about fourteen Hands high, and made off for Acton, the Oxford Road.*

This is therefore to give Notice, that whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make a Diſcovery, whereby the Perſon who committed the ſame may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer, or Diſcoverers, will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the ſame Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Poſt-Maſter General,

George Shelvocke, Secretary.

LONDON.

St. James's, Feb. 18. This Day the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of London, waited on his Majeſty with the following Addreſs.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

'We your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council aſſembled, having heard, that Attempts are forming by the common Diſturbers of the Peace and Tranquility of Europe, in Favour of a Popiſh Pretender, to interrupt that Happineſs we thankfully enjoy under your Majeſty's Government, humbly beg Leave to take this earlieſt Opportunity, to expreſs our greateſt Concern for, and Abhorrence of this Indignity intended againſt your Majeſty and theſe Kingdoms.

'We have no Reaſon to doubt, but that, by the Bleſſing of God on your Majeſty's Arms, our Enemies will be diſappointed in their Expectations, (as your Majeſty's Subjects muſt be too ſenſible of the Bleſſings of Liberty, Property, and the free Exerciſe of their Religion, which they enjoy under your moſt auſpicious Reign, to exchange them for a Certain, Arbitrary, and Tyrannical Government; ſo the Loyalty and Unanimity of your faithful Subjects, will greatly tend to diſcourage theſe deſperate Endeavours, to deſtroy and ſubvert our Excellent Conſtitution,) We therefore beg Leave moſt humbly to aſſure your Majeſty, of our firm and ſincereſt Attachment to your ſacred Perſon and Government, and our preſent happy Eſtabliſhment in Church and State; and that no Endeavours of ours ſhall, (even at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes) be wanting to fruſtrate theſe Attempts, to the Prejudice of both, and to ſecure the Laws and Liberties of this Country, and the Proteſtant Suc-

‘ ceſſion in your Majeſty's moſt illuſtrious Houſe,
‘ to lateſt Generations.

To which his Majeſty was pleaſed to return this moſt gracious Anſwer.

‘ I take very kindly this ſeaſonable Mark of
‘ your Duty and Affection to me. The City of
‘ London may always depend upon my Protection
‘ and Favour; and I have the firmeſt Confidence,
‘ that you will exert your Authority upon this
‘ Occaſion for the Security of the City, and the
‘ Preſervation of the public Peace, and for the
‘ ſupport of my Government.

They were received very graciouſly, and all had the Honour to kiſs his Majeſty's Hand; and his Majeſty was pleaſed to confer the Honour of Knighthood on the Right Hon. Robert Weſtley, Eſq; Lord Mayor, Mr. Serjeant Simon Urlin, Recorder, Mr. Alderman Daniel Lambert, Mr. Alderman Robert Willimot, Mr. Sheriff Robert Ladbroke, and Mr. Sheriff William Calvert.

Laſt Thurſday 7-Night Orders were ſent to the Tower that no Perſons ſhould be admitted to ſee the Armories, &c. and in a few Days a large Train of Artillery, conſiſting of one hundred Peices of Cannon, will march out from thence for the Defence of this Iſland; every thing being ready for Service except Horſes, which are buying up with all Expedition.

Orders are gone from the Lords of the Admiralty for all Workmen in his Majeſty's Yards, to have Arms and Accoutrements, and to be exercis'd every Morning; and on Thurſday 7-Night the Men belonging to Chatham-Yard were exerciſed for the firſt Time, by the Officers appointed for that Purpoſe.

A few Days ſince died at Paris, Sir Thomas Aſton, of Aſton in the County of Cheſter, Bart. He was elected Member of Parliament for Liverpool 1 Geo. II. and in the laſt Parliament was choſe for the Borough of St. Alban's in Hertfordſhire. He married in March 1735 6, the Daughter of —— Siſhe, Eſq; but ſhe died in May, 1737, without Iſſue, ſo that the Honour deſcends to Willoughby Aſton, Eſq; his Couſin German; and an Eſtate of 4000 l. per Annum falls to his eldeſt Siſter, the Lady of the Rev. and Hon. Henry Hervey, one of the Sons of the Right Hon. the Earl of Briſtol, and Rector of Shotley in Suffolk.

The Marriage between his Imperial Highneſs the Grand Duke of Ruſſia, and her Highneſs the young Princeſs of Annal-Zerbtz, is actually ſettled.

Private Letrers from Aleppo ſay poſitively, that Kouli Kan, upon News of ſome Diſturbances breaking out in Perſia, has been oblig'd to raiſe the Siege of Bagdat, and retire with his Army into his own Dominions.

Letters from the Hague inform us, that they have received Advice ſeveral Ways, that the French and Spaniſh Fleet actually ſailed from Toulon on the Second of this Month; and that the News of an Engagement was daily expected.

The Rebellion in Lithuania is become a Matter of Conſequence, as the Rebels are increaſed to 18,000 Men; which has ſo frighted the Jews, that they are abandoning the Kingdom by Thouſands.

Prince Theodore of Bavaria, lately elected Biſhop and Prince of Liege, propoſes to go in Perſon to Francfort, in order to receive the Inveſtiture from his Brother.

Veldt-Marſhal Count Traun is to ſucceed Count Khevenhuller, and Veldt-Marſhal Count Wallis ſucceeds him in the Command of the Troops in Bohemia and Moravia.

The laſt Advices from Italy ſay, that when the Poſt came away, Prince Lobkowitz was in full March to attack the Spaniards.

We have a very extraordinary Piece of News from Hamburgh, which is, that on the 5th of February the Governor of Riga went to wait upon the Great Princeſs Anne of Mecklenburg, and informed her, that he had Orders to carry her immediately from Dunamander Schans, where ſhe has been ſome time a Priſoner, to Petersburgh, which was accordingly done in a Sledge; and that it was reported, ſhe will be ſpeedily ſent back to Germany.

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Furorne cæcus, an rapit vis acrior:
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Had they, indeed, made uſe of the Word *Diſſatisfaction*, they had been guilty of no Impropriety: *Diſſatisfy'd* we have long been, and I have my Eye on *certain noble Perſons*, who, but very lately, thought we had ſufficient Reaſons to juſtify us, not only for being ſo, but for avowing it: And if we are to be *proſcrib'd* and *ſubdued* becauſe we are *diſſatisfy'd*, I will not anſwer that, in the End, we ſhall not become *diſaffected* too.

But *Diſſatisfaction*, or the *expreſſing Diſſatisfaction* is ſo far from being a Crime, that it is one of the fundamental Privileges of the free People of *England*. Every Body knows, that, anciently, the Redreſs of Grievances was the principal Buſineſs of Parliament; and if Grievances are not declar'd, ſurely they cannot be redreſs'd.

Now, it is notorious, that we have complain'd of Grievances, without Intermiſſion, for many a long Year paſt; nay, that the ſaid *noble Perſons* once made it their Glory to be the Mouth of the People; and can any one of them pretend to ſay that any of thoſe Grievances have been remov'd? On the contrary, have not they themſelves added Weight to all they found? And is there any Reaſon that we ſhould carry double now, when we have their own Evidence, that our Backs were almoſt broken before?

Diſtreſſes are to Governments, what Grievances are to the People: And nothing is ſo delicate as the Feeling of Courts at thoſe Times, tho' it is ſo numb'd and dead at all other: When, therefore, the firſt make their Demands, the laſt ſhould prefer their Petitions; and both Grievances and Diſtreſſes ſhould be removed together.

And this is not only the Dictate of Juſtice but Policy; for, wherever there is *Fear*, there is *Weakneſs*, and where there is *no Oppreſſion*, there is no Room for *Fear*. There is more Security in the Hearts and Affections of the People, than the united Influence of the Sword and Purſe: Nor can a Government wear an Aſpect more alarming, to the Subject, than when it chuſes to depend *ſolely* on the *one*, and apparently diſdains and deſpiſes the *other*: When inſtead of ſeeking out Means to remove Diſcontents, it aims only at the Power of making them perpetual; and affects to number among its *Enemies* all thoſe who reſolve not to be *Slaves*.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SWEDEN.

Stockholm, January 31, O. S. His Swediſh Majeſty is ſtill taking the Diverſion of Bear Hunting; but we are informed he deſigns to be in Town on Thurſday or Friday next. Yeſterday ſix Delecarlians, viz. Guſtavus Schedin, Schinner Per Anderſon, Holberts Anders Ericſon, Schmeed Anders Matzon, Giſlair Eric Hanſon, Carl Olofson Beronius, who were the Chiefs and Ring-leaders in the Rebellion which happened laſt Summer, were beheaded at the uſual Place of Execution, without the South Gate of this Town. The firſt, viz. Guſtavus Schedin had his Right Hand cut off, before he was beheaded, and his Body was afterwards cut into four Quarters, and laid on Wheels near the Gallows.

ITALY.

Turin, February 1. His Majeſty has lately diſpatched his Orders for augmenting his Troops with two Battalions, and is every Day directing freſh Supplies of Forces to defile towards Nice, where we have already a great Body of Troops, and doubt not giving ſuch a Reception to the Armies of the Two Crowns, as will cure them of any Deſire to penetrate this Way into Italy. It is very certain, that their Soldiers are extremely averſe to this Expedition; 600 Men deſerted during their March to Provence; there are upwards of 3000 in their Hoſpitals, and we are well aſſured, they have not in all above 3500 Cavalry. The Fleet of Tranſports aſſembling on the French Coaſts, conſiſts, unqueſtionably, of 800 Sail; and the French Troops that are to march into Savoy, to replace the Spaniards marched from thence, will amount, it is ſaid, to 30,000 Men. Our Forces are in good Order, our Fortreſſes well provided, and his Majeſty in perfect Health, and in high Spirits.

PORT NEWS.

Dover, Feb. 19. Our Packet Boats at Calais are ſtopp'd, and a general Embargo laid in all this Part of France, and no one Perſon is ſuffer'd to go out of that Kingdom; and even the Poſt from Flanders, &c. is ſtopp'd, ſo that there is no getting Intelligence from that Kingdom. The Mail which came from London on Thurſday Night, is detain'd here for the above Reaſons. We have certain Advice, that 18 Sail of French Men of War were off the Iſle of Wight the Day before Yeſterday; and that Sir John Norris was inform'd of it Yeſterday in the Afternoon; and Yeſterday Morning four French Men of War were off Boulogne, ſteering for Dunkirk with a fair Wind; and we imagine that by this Time the whole Breſt Squadron muſt be in Fleming Road, as it hath blown a pretty hard Gale ever ſince at S. S. W. Sir John Norris would have weigh'd Anchor this Morning, had not the high Wind prevented him.

General Poſt-Office, London, Feb. 8, 1743.

WHEREAS *the Poſt-Boy, going out with the Weſt Mail from this Office, was this Morning, between Five and Six o'Clock, attack'd on the Highway, at the Stating Place, on the other Side of Turnham-Green, by a ſingle Highwayman, who took the ſaid Poſt-Boy into a Field adjoining to the Road, and open'd the Mail, and carry'd off the Exeter and Plymouth Bags. The Perſon, who committed this Robbery, is a middle ſiz'd Man, and had on a blue great Coat, with his Hat tied over his Head, and he rode on a Sorrel Horſe with a white Face, about fourteen Hands high, and made off for Acton, the Oxford Road.*

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St. James's, Feb. 18. This Day the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of London, waited on his Majeſty with the following Addreſs.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

'We your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council aſſembled, having heard, that Attempts are forming by the common Diſturbers of the Peace and Tranquility of Europe, in Favour of a Popiſh Pretender, to interrupt that Happineſs we thankfully enjoy under your Majeſty's Government, humbly beg Leave to take this earlieſt Opportunity, to expreſs our greateſt Concern for, and Abhorrence of this Indignity intended againſt your Majeſty and theſe Kingdoms.

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‘ ceſſion in your Majeſty’s moſt illuſtrious Houſe,
‘ to lateſt Generations.

To which his Majeſty was pleaſed to return this moſt gracious Anſwer.

‘ I take very kindly this ſeaſonable Mark of
‘ your Duty and Affection to me. The City of
‘ London may always depend upon my Protection
‘ and Favour; and I have the firmeſt Confidence,
‘ that you will exert your Authority upon this
‘ Occaſion for the Security of the City, and the
‘ Preſervation of the public Peace, and for the
‘ ſupport of my Government.

They were received very graciouſly, and all had the Honour to kiſs his Majeſty’s Hand; and his Majeſty was pleaſed to confer the Honour of Knighthood on the Right Hon. Robert Weſtley, Eſq; Lord Mayor, Mr. Serjeant Simon Urlin, Recorder, Mr. Alderman Daniel Lambert, Mr. Alderman Robert Willimot, Mr. Sheriff Robert Ladbroke, and Mr. Sheriff William Calvert.

Laſt Thurſday 7-Night Orders were ſent to the Tower that no Perſons ſhould be admitted to ſee the Armories, &c. and in a few Days a large Train of Artillery, conſiſting of one hundred Peices of Cannon, will march out from thence for the Defence of this Iſland; every thing being ready for Service except Horſes, which are buying up with all Expedition.

Orders are gone from the Lords of the Admiralty for all Workmen in his Majeſty’s Yards, to have Arms and Accoutrements, and to be exercis’d every Morning; and on Thurſday 7-Night the Men belonging to Chatham-Yard were exerciſed for the firſt Time, by the Officers appointed for that Purpoſe.

A few Days ſince died at Paris, Sir Thomas Aſton, of Aſton in the County of Cheſter, Bart. He was elected Member of Parliament for Liverpool 1 Geo. II. and in the laſt Parliament was choſe for the Borough of St. Alban’s in Hertfordſhire. He married in March 1735 6, the Daughter of —— Siſhe, Eſq; but ſhe died in May, 1737, without Iſſue, ſo that the Honour deſcends to Willoughby Aſton, Eſq; his Couſin German; and an Eſtate of 4000 l. per Annum falls to his eldeſt Siſter, the Lady of the Rev. and Hon. Henry Hervey, one of the Sons of the Right Hon. the Earl of Briſtol, and Rector of Shotley in Suffolk.

The Marriage between his Imperial Highneſs the Grand Duke of Ruſſia, and her Highneſs the young Princeſs of Annal-Zerbtz, is actually ſettled.

Private Letrers from Aleppo ſay poſitively, that Kouli Kan, upon News of ſome Diſturbances breaking out in Perſia, has been oblig’d to raiſe the Siege of Bagdat, and retire with his Army into his own Dominions.

Letters from the Hague inform us, that they have received Advice ſeveral Ways, that the French and Spaniſh Fleet actually ſailed from Toulon on the Second of this Month; and that the News of an Engagement was daily expected.

The Rebellion in Lithuania is become a Matter of Conſequence, as the Rebels are increaſed to 18,000 Men; which has ſo frighted the Jews, that they are abandoning the Kingdom by Thouſands.

Prince Theodore of Bavaria, lately elected Biſhop and Prince of Liege, propoſes to go in Perſon to Francfort, in order to receive the Inveſtiture from his Brother.

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Moſes Brain, of the City of Briſtol, Haberdaſher of Hats.

General Poſt-Office, London, Jan. 12, 1743.

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